

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, September 8, 2009 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:22 am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Anne Fauver**

The Following Committee Member was not Present

The Honorable Cleta Winslow

Others in attendance were Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Foris Webb, Deputy Municipal Clerk; R. Roger Bhandari, Acting City Attorney; Saul Schultz, Law Department; General Public, Members of the Press, and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Moore made a motion to amend the agenda to accept two pieces of Legislation, an Ordinance, 09-O-1541 and a Resolution, 09-R-1542. The Agenda was Adopted as amended without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the August 17, 2009 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED without objection.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for September 8, 2009 was ADOPTED without objection.

PRESENTATION

2009 Qualifying and Election Update, Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk

The Municipal Clerk was asked to come before the Committee to give a report on the 2009 Qualifying of Candidates for Municipal Elections to be held on November 3, 2009. The Qualifying period was held at City Hall on August 31, 2009 through September 4, 2009. She stated that there were 68 candidates to come forward for qualifying, six (6) were for Mayor, three (3) for President of Council, a combined forty-two (42) for District and Post-At Large Seats and seventeen (17) for Board of Education Seats. Of the prospective candidates, one (1) is attempting to qualify as a Pauper, and three (3) as Write-in Candidates. Funds collected for the Qualifying Fees totaled \$86,784.79. She was asked what the cost of the Election would be and she stated that it was in the neighborhood of about 2.5 million dollars, which includes Fulton County and Dekalb County

The Municipal Clerk also informed the Committee that those persons who wanted to vote in the November 3, 2009 Election needed to be registered to vote in the City of Atlanta by October 5, 2009. Absentee or Early Voting begins October 13, 2009 through October 30, 2009 and will be held at the Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street, at the North Fulton Service Center, 7741 Roswell Road, at the South Fulton Government Center, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road and in Dekalb County, 4380 Memorial Drive Suite 300. Advance Voting will be held October 26, 2009 through October 30, 2009 at the Adamsville Recreation Center, 3201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and at the same locations as the Absentee or Early Voting.

Chairperson Moore, Councilmember Muller and Councilmember Fauver asked the Municipal Clerk to write a resolution expressing the City's desire to add a Northside Advance Voting location for the November 3, 2009 Election and if necessary for the December 1, 2009 Run-Off Election.

D. COMMUNICATION(S)

- 09-C-1369 (1) A Communication by Council President Lisa M. Borders re-appointing Mr. Robin C. Loudermilk, Jr. to serve on the Buckhead Community Improvement District Board. This appointment is for a term of four (4) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Held 07/28/09, to allow appointee the opportunity to come before the Committee) (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 9/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

E. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

09-O-1394 (1) A **Substitute** Ordinance by Committee on Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Dekalb County to conduct the 2009 General Municipal Election and any Special Election(s) held in conjunction therewith, within that portion of Atlanta which lies in Dekalb County on November 3, 2009; and if necessary, a City of Atlanta General Runoff Election to be held on December 1, 2009; and all future elections until December 31st 2058; to authorize that expenses incurred under the Contract be paid from the allocation previously authorized by Ordinance 09-O-0654; to appoint the Dekalb County Board of Registration and Elections, with its Election Supervisor acting as its agent, as Municipal Election Superintendent for the purpose of conducting said election, as Absentee Ballot Clerk and as Municipal Registrar; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

F. PAPER HELD IN COMMITTEE

09-O-1111 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 2, (Administration), Article II, (Council), Division 4, (Staff), Section 2-151 (a), (Sergeant-at-arms), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to make the appointment of a Sergeant-at-arms by the City Council discretionary rather than mandatory; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held 7/20/09 by the Committee for further review and discussion.)**

G. ITEM(S) NOT ON AGENDA

09-O-1541 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001
*** City of Atlanta Precincts and Polling Places in Precinct 02D as a result of permanent precinct relocation; and for other purposes.

TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

09-R-1542 (1) A Resolution by Committee on Council expressing the City of
*** Atlanta's desire to add a Northside Location as an Advance Voting Location for the City of Atlanta's November 3, 2009 General Election and if necessary and practicable the City of Atlanta's December 1, 2009 Run-Off Election; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7/20/09

Council Operations Survey

The following questions were raised by the following Committee members.

Fauver:

- 1. What is the purpose of the Municipal Clerk's Office**
- 2. Where should the Office of the Municipal Clerk be in the general structure of Government?**
- 3. How does the function of the Municipal Clerk's Office tie into Council operations?**

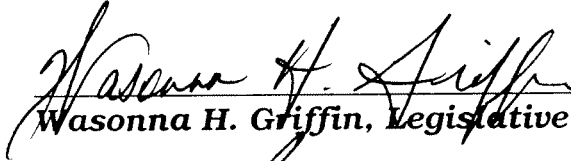
Archibong:

- 4. How does the Office of the Director of Council and Staff function?**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant


Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst


The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council